

**JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2017 7 P.M.**

All members present.

Howard Malcomb led the pledge to the flag to open the meeting.

Auditor Vance called the meeting to order and proceeded to conduct the election of officers for the Council. Josh Yeager nominated Dave Woodall for President; Dave Woodall nominated Howard Malcomb for President 2nd by Mike Kelley. Larry Maschino moved nominations be closed. The vote was 5 yes, 1 No for Howard Malcomb to be President with Mr. Malcomb abstaining. Howard Malcomb is elected President of the Council.

Next were nominations for Vice President which Mike Kelley nominated Dave Woodall and Josh Yeager nominated Mike Kelley 2nd by Tony Eder. Larry Maschino moved nominations be closed. The vote was 6 yes with Mr. Kelley abstaining; Mike Kelley elected Vice President.

Mike Kelley made a motion to approve prior minutes; Tony Eder seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.

The Council made there 2017 appointments which are:

EMA Mike Kelley

Alcohol & Beverage Board Fred Robinson

Area Plan Board Paul Belding

Area Plan Board Brenda Habenicht

SIRPC Larry Maschino

SISWD Josh Yeager

Tourism Board Lynette Wickliff

Animal Control Board Gloria Bennett

Vernon Fork Water Board Dan Wright

911 Board Paul Belding

Wage Committee Larry Maschino

Library Board Mike Kelley

County Park Board Dave Woodall

Tri County Water Larry Maschino

Next on the agenda was Mary Kilgore, County Clerk returning to request the Council allow her to raise her 1st deputy pay. Ms. Kilgore stated that she had asked the Council in the December meeting for this action and was returning again to ask them to consider letting her use excess monies in her budget to increase her 1st deputy's pay. The excess comes from a long time employee who left after the budget had been submitted; thus leaving an excess in that pay line and she was wanting to use \$2,689 of that excess to increase her 1st deputy's pay. Ms. Kilgore stated that she felt it was unfair that her employee of 3 ½ years but with a total of 7 years of employment with the county to be making the same as a 1 year first deputy employee. Right now the Clerk's first deputy makes \$30,375 for 2016 and with 1.5% raise would be making \$30,831 for 2017. Ms. Kilgore stated that with her raise it would bring him to \$33,520 and she felt that it compensated him for his excellent work ethic and longevity. There was much discussion back and forth but the Council told Ms. Kilgore that they feel this is something that needs to be addressed at budget time in August.

Next on the agenda was Greg Martin, County Park Superintendent, coming to the Council requesting them to approve funding for Toddler appropriate playground elements at the Muscatatuck Park. Cost for total upgrade is \$21,000. Of that amount \$3,450 is to be supplied by the Jennings County Community Foundation with another \$4,800 which was donated by Bright Insurance deposited into the Park's Non-Reverting fund. Mr. Martin on behalf of the Park is requesting \$17,550 to be paid from the JCPR non-reverting fund which \$12,750 had not been previously earmarked. Mr. Martin stated the balance in the non-reverting fund was around \$60,000 so it would leave around \$50,000 balance.

Mike Kelley made a motion to approve this request for the Park; Josh Yeager seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Dave Woodall gave a copy of a letter from Brenda Simmons to Greg Martin. The letter stated that she is a member of Family Campers & RV'ers and had been trying to get with Mr. Martin for 10 years about doing a Conservation weekend and provide some free labor to work on some small jobs that needed done such as painting, clearing trails, picking up trash or planting trees or flowers. Mr. Martin said that he would contact Ms. Simmons and see if something could be worked out.

Next on the agenda was Kitty Shepherd, newly elected County Treasurer, and came before the Council requesting use of her part time money for additional salary for her 1st deputy. Mrs. Shepherd commented that in listening to the responses of the Council with the Clerk she would not say anymore. Mrs. Shepherd did state that the County will not be able to keep people at the current rate of pay. She went on to say that she wasn't sure she would be able to keep the two people she just hired.

A lot more discussion went on back and forth and Auditor Vance suggested that maybe the heads of departments could get together and talk over some ideas and suggestions that could help with this situation and present those ideas to the Council at a later date.

Mike Kelley made a motion that upon the discretion of each head of department; they could use their part time money to increase the pay for their chief deputy for 1 year only contingent on the head of department understanding that no additional request for part time money would be considered by the Council. If the department head chooses to do this then an amended 144 would need to be in the County Auditor's office by February 7th in order that an Amended Salary Ordinance would be brought to the February 14th meeting of the Council. Dave Woodall seconded the motion. Vote was 1 Yes 5 No and Tony Eder abstained. Motion failed.

Next the Auditor proposed an Additional Appropriation to the Council for consideration but also stated that she might be premature since the State had not given approval for the 2017 budget.

Larry Maschino made a motion to table the request of Additional Appropriation until the next meeting; Josh Yeager seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Josh Yeager asked the Auditor if Reuben Cummings with GFC, LLC time had run out for Financial Consulting. Auditor Vance replied that yes at the end of 2016. Auditor Vance stated she would like permission from the Council to retain GFC, LLC as the Financial Consultant for 2017. Mr. Yeager asked Mr. Cummings who was in attendance if he could explain their services.

Mr. Cummings stated that he had not brought a contract but had brought a letter listing the services they could provide. Mr. Malcomb asked what the price would be and Mr. Cummings stated that he thought \$18,000 would be reasonable for the year. He went on to state that this is a flat fee and is inclusive of all emails, phone calls, meetings or support trips. If GFC feels the county is asking for a task outside the scope of the contract, GFC will work with the Council on an agreeable solution. A couple things that are not included would be Bond work but this would be contracted for an extremely reasonable rate and Annual report completion; GFC will answer/assist in the annual report, but will not complete the annual report.

Josh Yeager made a motion to table the hiring of the financial consultant until the February meeting. Dave Woodall seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Auditor Vance submitted a bill for approval from Reedy Financial for \$5,246.76 for the month of October. There were actually two bills sent from Reedy but the other invoice had already been paid and the Auditor had a copy of the check referencing that invoice.

Dave Woodall made a motion to pay the \$5,246.76 invoice; Josh Yeager seconded the motion; motion passed with a vote of 6 Yes 1 No.

Auditor Vance submitted the encumbrances to be considered; she noted that most were for salaries of employees but the Sheriff had requests and Judge Smith had a request that did not pertain to wages.

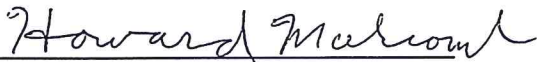
Mike Kelley made a motion to approve the submitted encumbrances as presented. Josh Yeager seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Josh Yeager made a motion to adjourn; Dave Woodall seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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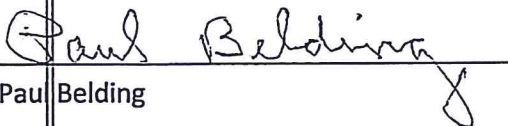
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Howard Malcomb, President



Mike Kelley, Vice President



Paul Belding

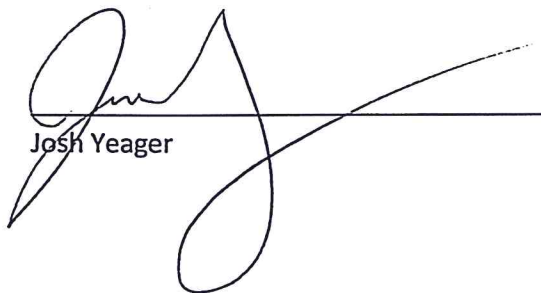
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